



# California Department of Veterans Affairs

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## NEWS FOR VETERANS

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### STATE TO RECEIVE \$68.2 MILLION FROM FEDS TO BUILD CALIFORNIA GLAVC VETERANS HOMES

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has notified the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) that it has made \$68.2 million available in its Fiscal Year 2006 Federal budget for construction of the Greater Los Angeles/Ventura Counties (GLAVC) veterans' homes project.

The California Public Works board, at its January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, approved the preliminary plans for the three GLAVC sites, approved the project scope and cost, and made available interim financing to continue project development. This is great news for California and its veterans. These funds will now allow the State to move forward with the necessary working drawings for this project. The dream of so many veterans is becoming a reality. The GLAVC project, which continues to move forward as scheduled and is a top priority for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, meshes well with his Strategic Growth Plan for California.

"These actions are not only the result of much hard work by staff from CDVA, General Services, Finance and others, but also came about from the commitment and perseverance of veterans throughout California and other states", said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Tom Johnson.

"Veterans and their Veterans Service Organizations have rallied for this project and now the fruit of their hard work is becoming apparent."

The California Department of Veterans Affairs joins all veterans to celebrate this wonderful occasion. As always, CDVA pledges to continue working on behalf of all California veterans. Veterans are the source of our inspiration and reason for being, and we take that very seriously.

GLAVC is California's newest veterans homes project. The full name is Veterans Homes of California-Greater Los Angeles/Ventura Counties. Veterans Homes of California have traditionally been named after the community in which they are located (Yountville, Barstow, Chula Vista) and now GLAVC continues this theme with the three new campuses located in Greater Los Angeles County (Lancaster and West Los Angeles) and Ventura County (Ventura). More information on the GLAVC project can be found on CDVA's website at [www.cdva.ca.gov](http://www.cdva.ca.gov) under "Veterans Homes."

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